

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed October 30th, 2008. Entry of the present amendments and reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 25, 31, 37, 38, 46, 55, 56, 61, 67, and 68 have been amended. Claims 39 and 48 are canceled. Claims 69 and 70 are newly added.

In regard to the Specification, the last line on page 19 has been amended to overcome the objection noted by the Examiner. Thus, the objection of the Specification should be withdrawn.

In regard to the Drawings, FIG. 2 does include "A" and "B" on the figures. Please see the top left of the figures for "A" and "B". Thus, the objection of the drawings should be withdrawn.

In regard to the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections, claims 11, 25, 31, 37, 38, 46, 55, 56, 61, 67, and 68 have been amended to overcome each rejection.

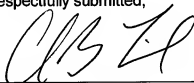
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Further, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known for at least the specific and particular reason that the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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